

## Message Text

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SUBJ: OPANAL: TREATMENT OF PANAMA CANAL ISSUE

REFS: (A) STATE 164264; (B) MEXICO 5751; (C) MEXICO 5752

1. AUGUST 19 EDITION OF LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY STAR & HERALD CARRIED AP STORY DATED LINED MEXICO CITY AUGUST 18 IN WHICH OPANAL SECRETARY GENERAL GROSS ESPIELL IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT, IN RESPONSE TO A PANAMANIAN REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE UNDER THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, "I HAVE MET WITH U S OFFICIALS...AND I VIEW THE SITUATION AS FAVORABLE AND OPTIMISTIC."

2. ACCORDING TO AP ARTICLE, GROSS ESPIELL STATED THAT MATTER AROSE WHEN "IN THE LAST COMMUNICATION FROM PANAMA, WE LEARNED THE GOVERNMENT IS AT A LOSS TO CHECK WHETHER ANY NUCLEAR ACTIVITY IS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE ZONE; THIS TROUBLES THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT." PANAMA, HE SAID, CLAIMS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ZONE AND WANTS IT INCLUDED IN THE TREATY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BEING  
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STOCK-PILED THERE. ON THIS POINT, GROSS ESPIEL REMARKED THAT

WHILE THE U S HAS SIGNED THE TREATY,ITS COVERAGE  
DID NOT EXTEND TO U S TERRITORY IN THE AREA, INCLUDING  
THE CANAL ZONE.  
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